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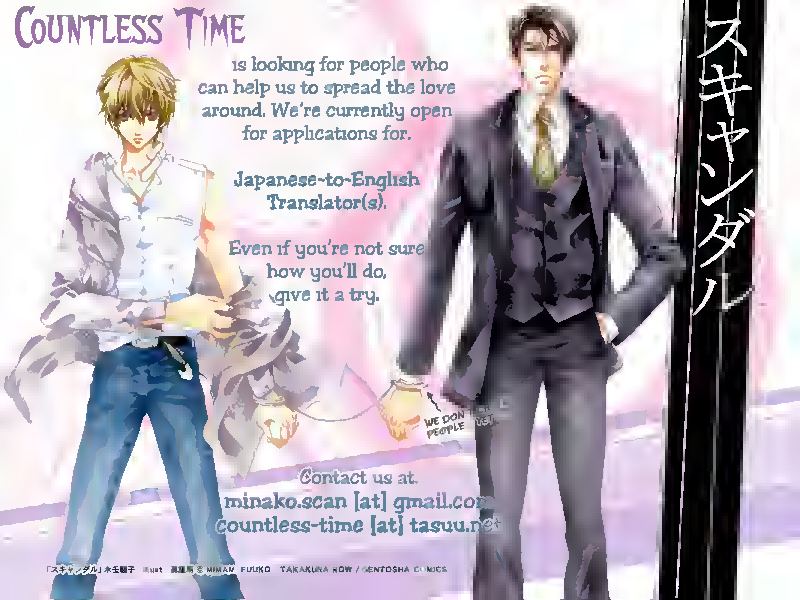


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TRIPPER
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CLACK CLACKETY
WHEN K GLARES AT ME WITH HIS SHARP EYES THROUGH HIS GLASSES,
I'M SUDDENLY POWERLESS, AND I CLOSE MY EYES
CLACK
JR
CLACKETY CLACK...
IT WAS THE MOMENT THAT I NOTICED THAT HIS EYELASHES WERE LONG
CLACKETY
THAT I FELT MY BODY TEMPERATURE FLARE, AND I WAS GRIPPED WITH A FEAR THAT I WOULD BE UNABLE TO CONTROL MYSELF ANY LONGER.
CLACKETY CLACK
CLACK CLACKETY

SWEETEST TRIPPER

NATURALLY, I'VE OFTEN WONDERED IF THIS "K" IS A REAL PERSON...
K'S CHISELED FEATURES, EVEN IN MY 'SOMEONE OF THE SAME SEX' DICTIONARY...
"CHARM" WOULD BE THE EXPRESSION THAT CLOSELY APPLIES
MAYBE KAZUMI'S FORMER GIRLFRIEND CORRECTION
FORMER BOYFRIEND ?
CLACK
CLACKETY
CLACKETY
EH?!
Haah, Haah?!
Haah, Haah

EVEN THOUGH THERE'S A GIRL RIGHT NEXT TO ME, WHY ME OF ALL PEOPLE...?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
UH!
MO-MO-MO MOLESTER?!
Squeeze
HEY!!
WAS THAT YOU JUST THEN?!
MOLESTER! THIS GUY'S A MOLESTER...!
EHHH!
TOOT
All aboard!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING! I WAS THE ONE WHO'S BEEN MOLESTED!
THERE'S NO POINT IN LYING!
LIE
WHAT?! I'VE BEEN HOLDING THIS STRAP THE WHOLE TIME!
flap

OOPS
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN PLAY DUMB AND ESCAPE?
EH?
AREN'T YOU THE REAL CRIMINAL?
UH...
O-ON WHAT BASIS, DO YOU...
WHAT BASIS?
IF YOU'RE AFTER EVIDENCE, LOOK AT THIS
UH...
THERE'S NO MISTAKING THIS BRACELET OF YOURS, IS THERE?
PL-PLEASE LET ME OFF THE HOOK, WHAT WOULD I SAY TO MY WIFE AND CHILD...
I don't know.

I'M SORRY
Regarding my silly carry-on
NO PROBLEMS...
Stare
LEAVING THAT ASIDE, IT'S YOU!
INDEED!
CYBER-SLEUTH S SHINNOSUKE AIDA!
WHAT A SLEUTH...
Even sounds ridiculous
NO, NO, THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK ME
Thank?
HUH?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
DON'T TELL ME IT WAS YOU WHO WAS TOUCHING...
MY ASS WAS TOUCHED BY SOMEONE
WHERE'S THE FUN IN TOUCHING A MAN'S BUTTOCKS? IT WASN'T ME
Fu
HAHAHA
YOU'RE SAYING THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE?

EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE STALKING ME
HE--Y?!
Stalking?
HA-HA-HA
That's a good one...
WHO THEN, IS COMPELLED TO FOLLOW MEN AROUND JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT?
AND EVEN TOUCH ME
IT WASN'T ME!
YOU THINK THAT BECAUSE YOU'RE "THAT WAY" IT MEANS THAT EVERYONE AROUND YOU IS "THAT WAY"...
"THAT WAY"...?
A PERVERT WHO HAS THE HOTS FOR THE SAME SEX
THAT'S RUDE
THAT'S YOU
In order to dispel suspicions, you falsely accuse me?

He's smart
NEVER SEEN THAT UNIFORM ON THIS RAILWAY LINE EVEN ONCE...
This is a school uniform
YOU REALIZE THAT WE'RE IN A SCHOOL ROUTE?
TELL ME HONESTLY HAVE YOU BEEN INVESTIGATING ME AT THE REQUEST OF KAZUMI'S FORMER GIRLFRIEND?
IF SHE STILL HAS FEELINGS FOR HIM, I UNDERSTAND HER WANTING TO KNOW WHAT SORT OF JERK HE'S DATING NOW
IT'S OKAY IF YOU INVESTIGATE ME.
I'M JUST YOUR EVERYDAY ORDINARY UNIVERSITY STUDENT I DON'T HAVE ANY INTERESTING POINTS OR ANYTHING
WELL THEN, DO YOUR BEST!
AAH

THANKS...
OH...
ISN'T THIS BOOK, "A COMPILATION OF KAZUMI'S EARLY WORKS", YOURS?
You must have dropped it.
WHAT?
K'S CHISELED FEATURES EVEN IN MY 'SOMEONE OF THE SAME SEX' DICTIONARY, "CHARM" WOULD BE THE EXPRESSION THAT CLOSELY
IT'S NOTHING
WHAT IS IT?
AREN'T THERE TIMES WHEN YOU'D LIKE TO REQUEST SOMETHING OF ME?
CERTAINLY NOT.
Heh heh...

THERE'S NO DENYING THAT "K" EXISTS, ISN'T THERE?
BA-DUMP
YOU'VE READ IT?
IF IT'S TRUE THAT HE'S A FICTIONAL CHARACTER, HE COULD SIMPLY BE GIVEN A NAME
SURELY THERE'D BE NO NEED TO PUT A "K" FOR HIS NAME?
I KNEW IT— THAT'S WHAT YOU THOUGHT?
OKAY I'LL TAKE THAT AS A REQUEST
IT'LL BE A PIECE OF CAKE TO LOOK INTO "K"
INITIALLY, I'LL SIMPLY LOOK FOR COLLEAGUES OF "K" AT THE COMPANY WHERE KUON WORKED
BESIDES
IF ANY OF THEM ARE SIMILAR IN APPEARANCE TO WHAT'S BEEN WRITTEN HERE, IT'LL BE OBVIOUS
Oh

NOW, IF THIS "K" IS SOME OTHER GUY, IF HE'S LEADING A HAPPY LIFE, IN THAT CASE, I EXPECT THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO RELAX.
SHALL I LOOK INTO IT?
EVEN THOUGH HE SPOKE OF THE PAST
OF COURSE I'M WORRIED
KAZUMI IS THE MAN WHOM I'D LET MYSELF GO CRAZY OVER SO IT MEANS
HMM
OKAY! IF WE'RE CLEAR THEN, I'LL MAKE CONTACT!

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I'VE
UH...
...REQUESTED AN INVESTIGATION INTO HIM!
IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I DON'T BELIEVE KAZUMI...
I WAS JUST A LITTLE WORRIED ABOUT HIS PAST BUT...
BUT THEN ISN'T IT THE SAME AS HIS FORMER GIRLFRIENDS ORDERING AN INVESTIGATION INTO HIS INFIDELITIES?
OR PERHAPS IN THIS CASE...

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF I SIMPLY ASKED KAZUMI HIMSELF?
Click
WHY CAN'T I JUST ASK HIM?
SLAM
EH?!
THUMP
THUMP
SHOVE
SHOVE

STO...
THUD
WHAT ARE YOU...
DOING ?
Haah Haah
WHO ARE YOU?!
DON'T TELL ME IT'S THAT MOLESTER FROM BEFORE?!
RUSTLE

KAZUMI...
KA...
...DON'T CRY
Sniff
IT WAS A JOKE, OKAY?
YOU'RE... UNBELIEVABLE...
YEAH... WELL, I'M SORRY
Hack Hack
IT WAS AWFUL...

SERIOUSLY, IF I WERE A MUGGER, YOU'D HAVE BEEN RAPED FOR SURE.
THERE WERE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES
EH...
SORRY, SORRY
I WAS WAITING AT THE DOORWAY, BUT YOU KEPT LOOKING DOWN AND DIDN'T NOTICE ME AT ALL.
Boggle
IS THAT MY FAULT?
I WAS SURPRISED
IT'S JUST THAT...
IF I'D ASKED THE UGETSU BOOKSTORE CREW, I'D PROBABLY HAVE BEEN PUNCHED SHOULD I NOT HAVE COME?
I COULDN'T REMEMBER THE ADDRESS OF YOUR BOARDING HOUSE, AND I'D NEVER BEEN ASKED HERE, SO I CAME WITHOUT WORD...
PRETTY MUCH

GEEZ, IF KAZUMI IS SERIOUSLY A RAPIST, YOU'RE CERTAINLY A REPEAT OFFENDER
YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT...
AH!
NN.
WHY'D YOU... COME HERE...?
I WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT TAKERU.
ABOUT ME...?

THINGS LIKE... WHAT SCHOOL DO YOU GO TO, AND...
...WHAT ROOM DO YOU LIVE IN...?
SURPRISINGLY, I'D LIKE A FULL ACCOUNT
I THOUGHT THERE'D BE NO ROOM LEFT, EVEN TO PUT A FOOT DOWN IN A UNIVERSITY BOARDING HOUSE...
KAZUMI...
I LIVE BY MYSELF...
I'M... A CLEANLINESS FREAK...
THEN...
CREAK

I'D BETTER PUT THIS ON PROPERLY...
RIP
Gulp
CREAK
KAZUMI...

UH!
DOES HE REALLY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ME...?
AHH
WHAT SORT OF LOVE DOES HE HAVE FOR ME...?
AH.
DO I EVEN WANT TO KNOW...?
GRIND!
AH.
AH.
HAAH...
ARE YOU OKAY?
IF IT HURTS, THERE'S NO NEED TO CONTINUE
YOU SAY THAT...

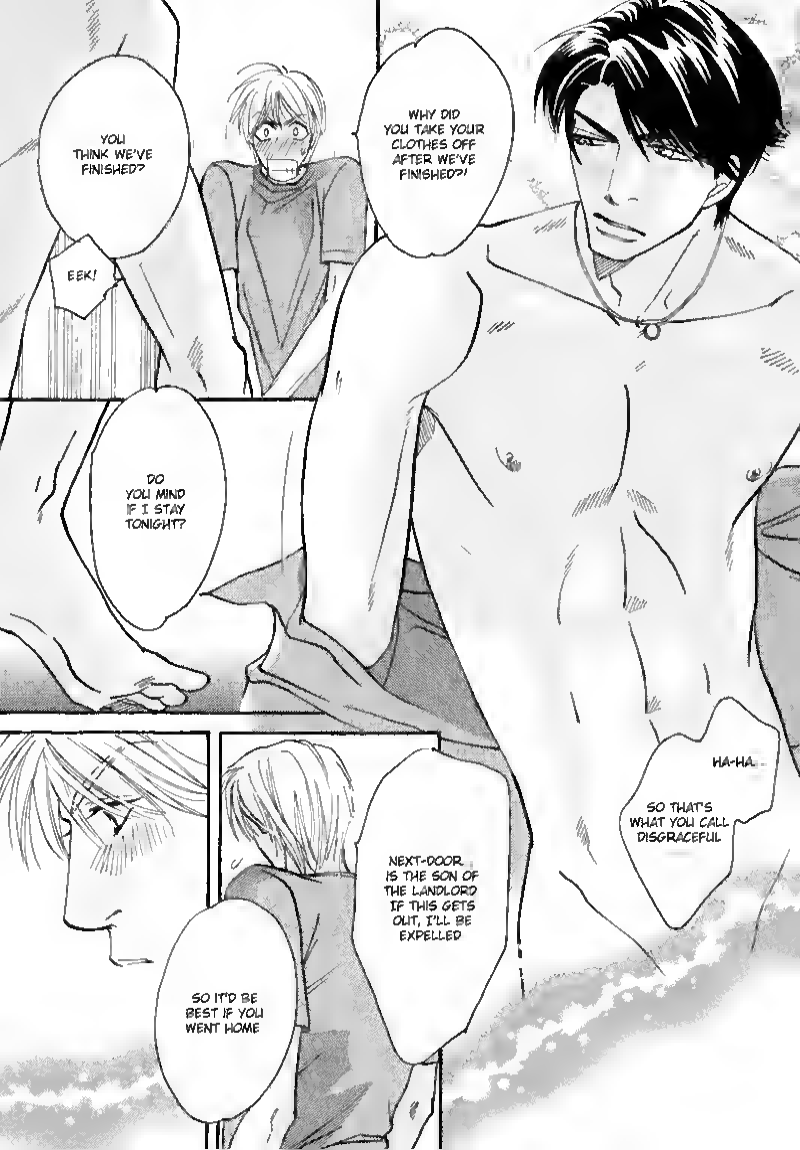
FOR ME, THE PAST IS NOTHING.
...YET YOU'RE NEVER ABLE TO STOP
YEAH...
IT STARTS HERE.

CREAK
HEH-HEH... THAT'S A GREAT SOUND
slurp
slurp
slurp
KAZUMI
IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'LL BE THE END OF THE BED BEFORE LONG
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
AH..
IT'S TOO INTENSE.
CREAK
TAKERU
HAAH.. HAAH..
LET IT OUT.
UH!
CREAK
CREAK

NO, DON'T STOP...
IT'D BE DISGRACE-FUL...
..AH ..
NO WAY WITH SUCH THIN WALLS
I'LL BE HEARD NEXT-DOOR!
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
AH...
HAA-UH-N!
CREAK
CREAK
HAA... AH .. KAZU...
CREAK
KAZUMI!!!...
CAN'T

CREAK
CLENCH
HAA...!
THUD
WAH!
AH...
AAH...
I CAN'T STOP EITHER.

I...
Heh
Hnnh...
Hnnh...
...LOVE KAZUMI.


YOU THINK WE'VE FINISHED?
EEK!
DO YOU MIND IF I STAY TONIGHT?
WHY DID YOU TAKE YOUR CLOTHES OFF AFTER WE'VE FINISHED?!
HA-HA
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL DISGRACEFUL
NEXT-DOOR IS THE SON OF THE LANDLORD IF THIS GETS OUT, I'LL BE EXPELLED
SO IT'D BE BEST IF YOU WENT HOME

I WISH YOU LIVED AT MY PLACE
KAZUMI...?
KAZUMI...
WHAT HE SAID...
LIAR... YOU'RE NOT IN LOVE AT ALL.
LOVE IS DIFFERENT FROM SEXUAL DESIRE
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE BEEN IN LOVE

LOVE IS DIFFERENT FROM SEXUAL DESIRE...?
DOES THIS MEAN THAT HE'S SERIOUS IN WHAT HE SAID TO ME...?
KAZUMI...
IT'S JUST THAT...

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I GUESS I'M REALLY HAPPY...
!

GRAB
EEK! A MOLESTER AGAIN...!
I HAVE THE PERFECT EVIDENCE! I'LL HAVE YOU GET OFF AT THE NEXT STATION!
UH
YOU...!
WHY?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TURN THAT GUY IN?
HE'S MY NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR
EH?
HE'S THE SON OF MY LANDLORD

AFTER WE SPOKE ABOUT THE MOLESTER, ISN'T IT NATURAL THAT I'D BE KEEPING WATCH?
OH, BUT THANKS FOR SAVING ME
STILL, YOU WERE FOLLOWING ME AGAIN
AH-HAA
SERIOUSLY, YOU'D BETTER CHANGE RESIDENCES...
SERIOUSLY?
YEAH.
BY THE WAY, I'VE DISCOVERED SOMETHING ABOUT THE MATTER IN QUESTION
THE MATTER IN QUESTION?
THE MAN FROM KAZUMI KUON'S PAST, "K"

IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN I EXPECT YOU CAN LEAVE IT AT THAT!
HUH?
THE FACTS OF HIS PAST ARE NOT WORTH WORRYING ABOUT
IT'S "NOW", THAT'S IMPORTANT
RIGHT, RIGHT, YOU'RE ON A HIGH
Not at all
PERVERT!
Uh
SHUT UP ALREADY ...!!

◆ TO BE CONTINUED ◆